Environmental Approval to Pharmaceutical Industry

3559. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY Will thhe Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide for three years environmental approval to the pharmaceutical industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The pharmaceutical industry represented to the Ministry of Environment and Forests that the consent to operate issued to them by the State Pollution Control Boards may be made valid for a period of three years or until there is any change in the industrial processes or treatment and disposal technologies, whichever is earlier. Action has been initiated to implement the suggestion.

Cases Registered under anti Pollution Acts

3560. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered under the various anti-pollution Acts during the last two years, Sate-wise: and

(b) the number of case wherein the courts have given their verdict in favour of and against the pollution control boards respectively, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The State Pollution Control Boards are administering the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The details of number of cases registered and the verdicts given by the Courts in favour of or against the Pollution Control Boards under these Acts, from 1st Januhry, 1993 to 31st Januhry, 1995, State-wise are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of cases registered	No. of cases where the courts have given their verdicts	
			In favour of Board	Against the Board
1		3	4	5
1.	Assam	..	..	..
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	..
3.	Andhra Pradesh	..	1	..
4.	Bihar	16	4	2
5.	Goa	..	..	..
6.	Gujarat	197	93	212
7.	Haryana	144	30	6
8.	Himachal Pradesh	..	..	..
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	27	..	..

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Kerala	..	..	..
11.	Karnataka	8	16	15
12.	Maharashtra	25	37	21
13.	Madhya Pradesh	9	4	8
14.	Meghalaya	..	..	..
15.	Manipur	..	..	..
16.	Mizoram	.	..	..
17.	Nagaland	..	..	..
18.	Orissa	6	26	3
19.	Punjab	91	170	4
20.	Rajasthan	65	..	..
21.	Sikkim	..	..	..
22.	Tamil Nadu	28	15	5
23.	Uttar Pradesh	3	46	11
24.	Tripura	..	..	..
25.	West Bengal	..	6	..
26.	Delhi	..	52	..
	TOTAL	619	500	287

The figures for which Courts have given verdicts also include the cases which were already pending before the Courts as on 1st January, 1993.

Environment and Forestry Development Projects in Tamil Nadu

3561. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had undertaken some environment and forestry development projects in Tamil Nadu, including the tribal areas, during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the progress made so far in each case;

(c) the assistance provided in each case; and

(d) the projects likely to be started in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.